

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 19th May 2019

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## Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday 28th May at 8.30pm. New members or anyone interested in amateur radio are very welcome.

For anyone who wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can attend any of their meetings. You can also check out their website [www.ei7trg.ie](http://www.ei7trg.ie) or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

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## 50 MHz Activity Needed - 13 June 2019

This year the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) starts on 28 October and will last four weeks. An important agenda item for the amateur service is for the WRC to consider the consolidation and extension of 50 MHz in Region 1 (Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asiatic Russia). One of the national telecoms administrations, which are actively supporting the proposal, is the Czech Republic; unfortunately some other administrations are actively opposed.

To gather solid evidence of the high level of amateur activity on the band, and at the same time to demonstrate that amateurs can co-exist with other band users including the military, IARU is supporting a monitoring trial in the middle of June. The event is being run by the Czech national radio society, in conjunction with their regulator. It is part activity period and part contest. Government and professional users will be monitoring (and some will be transmitting as well) so it is important that we make a good showing. Remember, by the way, that if you do hear any non-amateur stations you must make sure you do NOT cause them any interference.

Full details can be found on the [iaru-r1.org](http://iaru-r1.org) website.

Date and times are Thursday 13 June 2019 07:30 - 09:00 UTC and 11:00 - 12:30 UTC

There needs to be as much activity as possible on the band during these two periods, preferably sticking to the Czech power limit of 25 W ERP. It doesn't matter whether the band is open or not, just get on the air using SSB, CW, Digital, or all three. It is not essential that you should submit an entry for the contest although that would be appreciated, but IARU would definitely like as many logs as possible (contest or non-

contest) to be sent in by 15 June, to provide solid evidence that can be used in pre-WRC planning.

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### **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society**

A new addition to facilities at Marconi House is a new technical library. Already, thanks to kind donations from club members, the society have a significant amount of text books, magazines, journals, manuals, etc. which are available for withdrawal by members. This will assist new-to-the-hobby members as learning tools, as well as being a reference source to not-so-new-to-the-hobby members. DARS is looking forward to the new 2019/2020 season and would like to send thanks to all those associated at the club.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

A guest speaker talk will be taking place on Tuesday 4th of June 2019 at Ballyroan community centre on the Marian road in Rathfarnham. All members are asked to attend. Additional details to follow over the coming weeks.

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### **88th IRTS AGM Hosted by SEARG**

Reminder that the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC will be hosting the 88th Annual Irish Radio Transmitters Society AGM over the weekend of the 18th & 19th April 2020, in The Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

This will be their 2nd time to host the event and they look forward to welcoming everyone from Ireland and beyond to Carlow.

The hotel reception may be contacted on 059 9142002. Please use the code “IRTS 2020” to obtain special room prices for the event. More information on the weekend will be released once confirmed.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “southeasternarg /at/ gmail /dot/ com” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

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## **DX News**

Laci HA7JTR will be on holiday in the Seychelles from 22nd – 29th May. He will operate mainly on CW on the HF bands using the callsign S79HA and logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World. QSL to the home call.

Dwight VE7BV will be QRV as TG9BBV from Guatemala from 24th May – 13th June. This will be a mainly CW trip with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

A small group led by Zorro JH1AJT will visit Eritrea from 25th May – 3rd June. They will be active on all bands 160 – 6m using the callsign E31A on CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Waldi SP7IDX will be on the air from the Lofoten Islands (IOTA EU-076) until 29th May. Look for the callsign LA/SP7IDX on SSB and FT8. QSL via the home call.

Laci HA0HW will be active using his SW8WW callsign from Thassos Island from 23rd May – 5th June. This counts as EU-174 for the IOTA Award and he can be found on 40 – 6m on CW, SSB and RTTY.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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